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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHAIRMAN RUSSELL PETERSON

REF: SINGAPORE 5389, STATE 294297

1. PETERSON AND TALBOT MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EXCELLENT  
PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS REFTEL. IF U.S. INTERESTS SERVED BY  
HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN COURSE OF VISIT, SUGGEST  
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER  
LEE KUAN YEW IN LIGHT OF HIS RECORD OF INTEREST IN KEY  
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ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS INCLUDING POPULATION PROGRAMS OF GOS.

TALBOT WAS BRIEFED BY THE PRIME MINISTER DURING A VISIT TO THE U.S. AND CONSIDERS HIS INPUT MOST VALUABLE IF SUCH A MEETING CONSIDERED USEFUL BY EMBASSY AND CAN BE SCHEDULED.

2. ONE ADDITIONAL CONTACT IN THE POPULATION AREA WOULD BE FRANK WILDER, ASIA FOUNDATION AREA COORDINATOR, IF HE IS AVAILABLE. IF SCHEDULE PERMITS, IT MIGHT ADD USEFUL PERSPECTIVE TO VISIT SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY. PLEASE CONTACT DR. ANN JOHNSON IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY WHO IS KNOWN TO DR. TALBOT.

3. IT IS HOPED THAT MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND/OR FAMILY PLANNING AND POPULATION BOARD MEETINGS MIGHT INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON TAX INCENTIVES AND FAMILY PLANNING, THE LINKAGE BETWEEN TAX, NUMBER OF CHILDREN, EDUCATION, ETC. PROBLEMS OF OIL SPILL AND OTHER POLLUTION PROBLEMS RELATING TO SHIPPING AROUND SINGAPORE; LAND USE PLANNING AND RESETTLEMENT ON THE ISLAND ITSELF; TRAFFIC CONTROL AND VEHICLE TAX FOR COMMUTERS TO DOWNTOWN AREA, WOULD BE OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO PURPOSES OF VISIT IF POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE. PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH DR. LEE KUM TATT, FORMERLY CHAIRMAN, INSTITUTE ON STANDARDS AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, 179 RIVER VALLEY ROAD, SINGAPORE. THE LATTER IS KNOWN AS A HARD-DRIVING EXECUTIVE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN MANY OF SINGAPORE'S CRUSADES AGAINST POLLUTION.

4. GIVEN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, IT IS PREFERABLE TO PETERSON/TALBOT PURPOSES TO CONCENTRATE ON POPULATION AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES DETAILED ABOVE RATHER THAN MAKE THE HIGH RISE AND INDUSTRIAL PARK TOUR PROPOSED REFTEL. KISSINGER

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